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SUBJECT: ECOWAS COMMUNIQUE

FOLLOWING IS FINAL COMMUNIQUE CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING HELD TO
SIGN ECOWAS PROTOCOLS:

QUOTE: THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (E.C.O.W.A.S.) MET IN LOME ON THE
4TH AND 5TH NOVEMBER, 1976 FOR A FIRST ORDINARY SESSION UNDER
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THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, PRESIDENT OF THE

REPUBLIC OF TOGO, PRESIDENT-FOUNDER OF THE TOGO PEOPLE'S RALLY.

WERE PRESENT AT HE MEETING (SIMPLIFIED LISTING):

BENIN - LT. COL. KEREKOU
IVORY COAST - HOUPHOUET BOIGNY
GAMBIA - VICE PRESIDENT CAMARA
GHANA - COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING ROBERT GARDINER
GUINEA - PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI
GUINEA-BISSAU - LUIZ CABRAL
UPPER VOLTA - LAMIZANA
LIBERIA - TOLBERT
MALI-MINISTER OF FINANCE AND TRADE FOUNKE KEITA
MAURITANIA - OULD DADDAH
NIGER - KOUNTCHE
NIGERIA - LT. GEN. OBASANJO
SENEGAL - SENGHOR
SIERRA LEONE - STEVENS
TOGO - EYADEMA

AFTER HEARING THE REPORT ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS, THEY EXAMINED AND ADOPTED FIVE PROTOCOLS TO BE ANNEXED
TO THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST
AFRICAN STATES.

THE PROTOCOLS RELATE TO:

1. THE ASSESSMENT OF LOSS OF REVENUE SUFFERED BY MEMBER STATES.
2. THE DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN
MEMBER STATES OF THE ECOWAS.
3. THE RE-EXPORTATION WITHIN THE ECOWAS OF GOODS IMPORTED FROM
THIRD COUNTRIES.
4. THE CONTRIBUTION OF MEMBER STATES TO THE BUDGET OF THE
ECOWAS.
5. THE FUNDS FOR COOPERATION, COMPENSATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE ECOWAS.

THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO BASE
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THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN LAGOS - FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA AND THAT OF THE FUND FOR COOPERATION, COMPENSATION AND
DEVELOPMENT IN LOME, REPUBLIC OF TOGO.

FURTHERMORE, IT REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES TO PROPOSE
CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS:

- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: IVORY COAST

- MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FUND: LIBERIA

THE CONFERENCE HAS EQUALLY TAKEN NOTE WITH INTEREST OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH HAS BEEN MADE FOR INSTITUTING BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ECOWAS A COLLECTIVE PACT OF NON-RE COURSE TO FORCE FOR SETTLING DISPUTES THAT MIGHT ARISE BETWEEN THEM.

AT THE END OF THE DELIBERATIONS, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT FORMALLY SIGNED THE PROTOCOLS ANNEXED TO THE TREATY.

THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDLINESS WHICH CHARACTERIZED THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

THEY THANKED THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE, THEIR GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO, GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA, FOR THE WARM AND BROTHERLY WELCOME ACCORDED THEM DURING THEIR STAY IN LOME.

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